

Public Law 101-215  
101st Congress

An Act

Dec. 11, 1989  
[H.R. 3696]

To provide survival assistance to victims of civil strife in Central America.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

SECTION 1. SURVIVAL ASSISTANCE.

Health and  
medical care.

(a) AUTHORIZATION.—The Agency for International Development shall use unobligated funds made available pursuant to section 8(a) of Public Law 100-276 to provide medical care and other relief for noncombatant victims of civil strife in Central America. Such assistance shall be used to make available prosthetic devices and rehabilitation, provide medicines and immunizations, assist burn victims, help orphans, and otherwise provide assistance for noncombatants who have been physically injured or displaced by civil strife in Central America. Priority shall be given to those with the greatest needs for assistance.

Voluntarism.

(b) USE OF PVO'S AND INTERNATIONAL RELIEF ORGANIZATIONS.—Assistance pursuant to this section shall be provided only through nonpolitical private and voluntary organizations and international relief organizations. Preference in the distribution of such assistance shall be given to organizations presently providing similar services such as Catholic Relief Services, the International Committee of the Red Cross, CARE, the United Nations Children's Fund, the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, Partners of the Americas, and the Pan American Health Organization.

Voluntarism.

(c) ASSISTANCE IN NICARAGUA.—Not more than one-half of the assistance provided under this section may be provided through nonpolitical private and voluntary organizations and international relief organizations operating inside Nicaragua. None of the assistance pursuant to this section may be provided to or through the Government of Nicaragua.

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